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Subject: B160 Comments

Paul,

Please pass this on to Kamyar or the proper person.

Thanks,

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December 15, 2003

Kamyar Guivetchi,
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California Water Plan - Update 2003
Via: E-Mail

Re: Comments on December 12, 2003 AC Meeting & Handouts

Dear Kamyar:

Thank you for a productive meeting on Friday. Your Advisory Committee was in a holiday mood. Before I get too busy and not do it, here are some constructive comments:

GENERAL. I would recommend that you remind the Advisory Committee members that they are just that, advisory. It is invaluable to have input from such knowledgeable and informed folks, but we all should understand that it is you and the director who need to produce an update that meets its intended purpose.

IMPLEMENTATION & INVESTMENT GUIDE. I believe a short form for the overview and more detailed form for the appendix will be valuable to the user. (1) I suggest Legend #1 be reorganized into five categories (supply, environment, power, flood control, and recreation); all other objectives appear to be subcategories of these. (2) The State Action shown in Legend #3 should be categorized into those actions and responsibilities of the Legislature and the Department. (3) What appears to be missing from Legend #2 & 3 were those actions that could be delegated to regional agencies.

EXTREME & PROLONGED DROUGHT EVENTS. I will not lengthen debate on the summary shown of the text provided. I simply suggest that the \$2.5 billion dollar loss from '76-'77 drought be presented in terms of 2003 dollars.

AGRICULTURAL WATER USE EFFICIENCY. As I noted at the meeting, it is Okay to say in general that more efficient irrigations methods is likely to free-up water supply for use by others. I believe this is especially true when using groundwater as the source of supply. When it comes to critically overdrafted groundwater basins, use of surface water with flood irrigation is generally preferred over all others due to the secondary groundwater

recharge component inherent to this process. Therefore, I suggest a comments making the reader aware of this caution to keep in-mind when considering how efficient agriculture should or can be.

Thanks all I have for now. I hope to get my comments in on the PLAN OVERVIEW later this week or by next week at the latest.

Thanks again of fearless leader!

Kevin Kauffman